

# Stratford

## Connecticut

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*Belongs to*  
Fairfield County  
Bridgeport Labor Market Area  
Greater Bridgeport Economic Dev. Region  
Greater Bridgeport Planning Area

Incorporated in 1639

### Demographics

<i>Population (1998)</i>				<i>Race/Ethnicity (1998)</i>			
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1980	50,541	807,143	3,107,580	White	41,830	636,147	2,648,212
1990	49,389	827,645	3,287,116	Black	4,021	82,879	274,213
1998	49,004	836,207	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	604	25,592	73,304
2003	48,989	843,924	3,272,149	Native American	73	939	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	-0.03%	0.92%	0.03%	Other	95	1,610	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	2,381	89,040	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	17.58	625.85	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	3.54%	6.09%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	2,787.49	1,336.11	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$25,296	\$37,252	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	19,184	308,221	1,229,087	High School Graduate	12,350	35.1%	648,366
Median Age (1997)	41.0	38.1	37.2	Some College	7,672	21.8%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	7,526	21.4%	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	1,430 6%	3,642 16%	1,717 7%	8,838 38%	3,811 16%	3,819 16%	23,257
Female	1,386 5%	3,622 14%	1,624 6%	8,960 35%	4,224 16%	5,931 23%	25,747
County Total	54,813 7%	139,006 17%	64,748 8%	322,604 39%	137,401 16%	117,635 14%	836,207
State Total	216,119 7%	550,400 17%	280,101 9%	1,257,928 38%	499,093 15%	467,598 14%	3,271,239

### Economics

<i>Business Profile (1997)</i>					<i>% of</i>	
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Total</i>
Agriculture	41	1.8%	149	0.5%	\$140,405,661	6.18%
Const. and Mining	330	14.8%	1,166	4.0%	\$17,415,100	0.77%
Manufacturing	154	6.9%	12,984	44.3%	\$16,896,640	0.74%
Trans. And Utilities	86	3.9%	946	3.2%	\$16,150,238	0.71%
Trade	557	25.0%	4,770	16.3%	\$13,150,490	0.58%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	171	7.7%	1,042	3.6%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$2,272,818,010
Services	874	39.2%	7,275	24.8%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>	
Government	14	0.6%	972	3.3%	Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation	Mobil Chemical Company Inc
Total	2,227	100.0%	29,304	100.0%	Allied Signal Aerospace	Stop & Shop 639
					Dianon Systems Inc	
					<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	
					\$347,861,631	\$30,837,967,729

### Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>				<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i>					
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Grade 4</i>		<i>Grade 6</i>		<i>Grade 8</i>	
Total Students	3,805	461,203		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,748	\$8,300		Reading	56 55	65 60	66 64		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$53,332	\$48,598		Math	66 59	55 52	43 51		
Students Attending Public School	87.2%	89.2%		Writing	45 46	54 46	64 51		
Student/Teacher Ratio	16.0	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	80.1%	75.8%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>			
High School Dropout Rate	2.4%	4.6%		Verbal	473	503			
<i>Average Class Size</i>				Math	475	499			
Kindergarten 18.4	Grade 2 21.1								
Grade 5 21.5	Grade 7 24.9	High School 20.9							

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### Government

Government Form	Council- Manager	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$9,593,370
		As % of Expenditures	9.1%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$105,641,995	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$3,742,824,694
Tax Revenue	\$82,870,230	Per Capita	\$79,901
Non-tax Revenue	\$3,553,503	As % of State Average	102.5%
Intergovernmental	\$19,218,262	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/91
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,625	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A
As % of State Average	114.1%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	32.49
Total Expenditures (1996)	\$105,559,792	Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	21.28
Education	\$52,161,860	% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	18.7%
Other	\$53,397,932		
Total Indebtness (1996)	\$79,467,934		
As % of Expenditures	75.3%		
Per Capita	\$1,696		
As % of State Average	163.0%		

### Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	20,493	335,017	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	74.1%	64.2%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	288	4,504	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	49	2,045	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	569	4,830	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.24%	0.61%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	60	3,211	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	6	449	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	11	1,901	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	932	17,795	56,333	\$400,001 or More	4	3,349	4,036
Average Price	\$139,725	\$314,650	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$133,000	\$221,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	15,399	208,121	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	40.0%	34.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	1,494	30,502	148,930

### Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)			
Labor Force	24,891	446,996	1,723,300	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents	Commuting to	
Employed	23,457	427,779	1,635,400	1. Stratford	7732	Stratford	7732
Unemployed	1,434	19,217	87,900	2. Bridgeport	5307	Bridgeport	5883
Unemployment Rate	5.8%	4.3%	5.1%	3. Milford	2853	Fairfield	1406
Total Employment	26,360	411,650	1,581,700	4. Shelton	2154	Norwalk	1349
Manufacturing	10,530	75,610	265,850	5. Trumbull	1316	Trumbull	1348
'92-'97 Growth Rate	-10.2%	5.7%	4.3%	6. West Haven	960	Milford	1299
Daytime Population	34,162	472,065	1,740,247	7. Fairfield	843	Shelton	872
				8. Ansonia	826	Stamford	792
				9. Derby	700	Westport	667
				10. Seymour	695	New Haven	399

### Quality of Life

Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	2	1,378	Total Volumes	145,717	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	4	756	Circulation Per Capita	6.2	United Illuminating
Day Care Facilities (1998)	23	1,651			1-800-257-0141
Infant Mortality Rate			Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	1.788	0.099	Hartford	45	Southern Connecticut Gas Company
Crime Rate (1996)			Boston	134	203-382-8111
Per 1,000 Residents	5.9	40	New York City	57	Water Provider
% Open Land (1990)	27.3%	68.8%	Providence	98	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company
					1-800-732-9678
Hospitals (1997)	0	16			Cable Provider
Total Beds	0	2,184			Cablevision Systems of Southern CT
					203-336-2225